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TO : Mr. Dulles

DATE: 25 April 1957

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FROM : Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Attached Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 24 April 1957

The material for the attached resume of the OCB luncheon meeting was obtained from Mr. Staats. He did not take notes on the discussion concerning Robert S. Allen, and so had no information with which to cover this item in the resume. As you had this noted in your list of topics discussed at the luncheon meeting, you may wish to add a paragraph on it in the resume.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 24 April 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Herter, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Sprague,
Mr. Hollister, Mr. Larson, Mr. Gray, Adm. Strauss,
Mr. Staats

1. Invitations to Foreign Observers to US Nuclear Tests

With reference to a contemplated Defense press release which would identify the nations invited to send observers to the Nevada tests, Admiral Strauss expressed concern that an adverse reaction might be expected from those countries not invited and wondered how the basis for selection of invitees could be explained. Mr. Sprague informed that as of now invitations have been extended only to the NATO countries, the UK and Canada. Discussion then led into the general matter of inviting foreign observers and Admiral Strauss suggested that this should be reconsidered. He felt that since the observers would spend virtually their whole visit in the Las Vegas area, they may get a harmfully distorted view of the US. He also felt that since the observers would actually see very little, the expense and trouble involved in bringing them here may not be justified.

2. Briefings at OCB Meetings

The DCI raised the question of oral briefings for the OCB and suggested that these be limited to matters on the agenda. With regard to the briefing on the Middle East, which was a last minute addition to today's meeting, DCI stated that he felt that briefings on situations as fast moving as that in the Middle East are of questionable value. Mr. Herter tended to share this view.

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It was pointed out, however, that today's briefing was intended as an oral report on Ambassador Richards' mission, requested by the Defense Department, and was not intended as an intelligence briefing.

3. IVAG

The DCI proposed the following rewording of paragraph (d) of the supplement to the minutes of the OCB meeting of April 18:

"(d). Noted the conclusions contained in paragraph 11 of the report that an international volunteer force 'would probably prove effective in situations of limited or no enemy air capability.' The Board concurred generally in this conclusion and noted a

This was unanimously accepted.

4. NSC Activities

Mr. Cutler discussed NSC activities and also announced that Mr. Fred Dearborn would replace Mr. William Jackson as a Special Assistant to the President.


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Director

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